

## June Meeting Calendar

- 1 Cons. Adv. Council
- 2 Police Adv. Council
- 6 BOT Meeting
- 8 Zoning Bd. Mtg.
- 13 BOT Work Session
- 14 Recreation Adv. Comm. & Planning Board
- 15 Bike/Ped Comm.
- 16 Police Advisory Comm.
- 21 BOT Meeting
- 28 Fire Council & Planning Board

Most meetings are once again being held in-person at the Municipal Bldg.

Please check the Village website or call 914-271-4848 for specific location information.

## Storm Fells Croton's Iconic Merwin Oak

On the morning of June 1st, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson was notified that the Merwin Oak in Vassallo Park had fallen following an intense weekend storm. No one was injured and damage was limited to a nearby park fence and garbage can.

The majestic Swamp White Oak, which was at least 235 years old, was officially recognized by the National Arborist Association and International Society of Arboriculture in 1987. The Village worked to preserve the iconic tree across the decades. The tree was professionally treated for wood rot fungus in 2012. Numerous branches were removed and cables were installed to keep it stable. Unfortunately, time and storms eventually took their toll.

Croton residents took to social media to share fond memories of the iconic tree, which was a historic and beloved fixture in the Village.

"Grateful thanks to the Merwin Oak that shaded and fortified our village," a resident wrote on Facebook. "Older than our republic, may it be long remembered."

The Village is currently working to stabilize a portion of the tree's trunk and preserve some of the wood for potential future uses.



## Village Commemorates Memorial Day



On Memorial Day, American Legion Fox-Eklof Post 505 and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson gathered at Veterans Corner to remember those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice. From left: Chief of Police John Nikitopoulos, Mayor Brian Pugh, Trustee Ann Gallelli, Commander John Ghegan, Village Manager Bryan Healy, Trustee Len Simon, Town Councilman Robert Mayes.

## Reminder: Tax Bills Due on July 1st!

Tax bills were mailed on June 1st and payment is due by July 1st. If you have not received your bill, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 914-862-1419 to request a copy.

If you would like to sign up for paperless billing for future bills, you can do so by going to the Village Website and clicking the [Bill Email Form](#) under the Village Treasurer Tab.

As a reminder, these bills can be paid online by going to the village website and clicking "[Online Payments](#)" under the Citizen Action Center.



*Stay connected!*

Have you joined the Village on Social Media yet?

Facebook: Search for Village of Croton-on-Hudson Government

Twitter: Search for VillageCroton

Instagram: Search for VillageofCroton

Sign up for Village emails by going to [crotononhudson-ny.gov](http://crotononhudson-ny.gov).

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## Hometown Heroes Displayed Throughout Village

The Village of Croton-on-Hudson is proud to share this year's Hometown Heroes Banner Program. Designed to honor village residents who have served in the armed forces, these banners will be displayed throughout the Village from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. We thank all our veterans for their service.



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## Village Blood Drive a Success

The New York Blood Center hosted a very successful Community Blood Drive at Municipal Building on Saturday, May 18th. A total of 55 blood donations were collected. Once these donations are processed, they will have the potential to save the life of 149 patients in our local hospitals.

Thank you to everyone who donated! Our region's blood supply is still dangerously low. The next Croton Community Blood Drive will take place on June 18th, 2022. To sign up call 800-933-2566, or visit [nybc.org/donate](http://nybc.org/donate).

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## Share Your Roots

Sharing Your Roots

Sponsored by Croton's Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Every person has a unique story to tell about their culture and ancestors. Share yours and learn about your neighbors.

All are welcome to join!

Email [COH.DI.Committee@gmail.com](mailto:COH.DI.Committee@gmail.com) to register for Zoom link.

**Tuesday, June 14th**  
**7-8:30 pm on ZOOM**

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## Summerfest is Back!

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson was thrilled to announce that the 34th Annual Summerfest is retuning! This year's Summerfest will be held on Sunday, June 5th, in the Upper Village from 1 to 6 PM. There will be over 80 street vendors, music, crafts, and a parade.

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## Spend Your Summer With Shakespeare

Middle-school-age students can experience Shakespeare's life and works through Puck's Players, a fun weekly club at the Croton Free Library. The club will meet Thursdays 4:30 to 5:30 PM starting June 9th in the Library's Creative Space and/or on the side lawn of the Library, if weather allows. Email [gglazer@wlsmail.org](mailto:gglazer@wlsmail.org) for more information and updates.

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee's Discussion Group invites everyone to join in "Sharing Your Roots"! Participants are invited to share their family's story and listen to neighbors share theirs. All are welcome! The Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, June 14 from 7-8:30 PM on Zoom. Email [COH.DI.Committee@gmail.com](mailto:COH.DI.Committee@gmail.com) to RSVP by June 13 and receive the Zoom link.

The rainbow pride flag has been raised above the Croton Municipal Building for the month of June in celebration of Pride Month.



## Keep Croton's Boating Water Clean!

Boating is a great way to spend a warm and sunny day. Enjoying a day on the Hudson River comes with responsibility. Follow these simple suggestions to help keep our beautiful Hudson River clean:

- **Stash Your Trash....** Always dispose plastic and garbage onshore
- **Stop the Drops....** Know how much your fuel tank holds and don't top off. Use oil absorbent pads to catch drips while handling the fuel nozzle between the dock and the boat. Fill up your gas tanks while the boat is on the trailer, not in the water.
- **Maintain Your Boat....** Regularly scrub your decks with fresh water to reduce the need for heavy cleaners. Do large cleaning and maintenance while the boat is out of the water. Use a hard (not abrasive) anti-fouling paint if you plan on scrubbing the bottom of your boat while in the water

### Happy Boating on the Hudson River!



## Youth Summer Camp

The following Summer Camps are available to Croton Village & School District Residents. School District Residents are given equal priority in registration & pay the non-resident rate. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please call the Recreation office at 914-271-3006.

**TINY TOTS CAMP** (Ages 4-6) June 28 – August 5 from 9:15AM-12:15 PM

**CROTON DAY CAMP** (Grade K-6) June 28 – August 5 from 9:00 AM-2:15 PM

**BASKETBALL CAMP** (Grades 3-8) July 5 – July 22 from 9:30 AM- 2:30 PM

**LEGO, BUILDING, ROBOTICS CAMP** (Grades 2-5) August 8 – August 12 from 9:30 AM-2:30 PM



Water and sewer bills are being generated on June 15th for the billing period of March through May. July 15th is the last day payment will be accepted before penalty is applied.

## CONSUMER ALERT

### Avoid Scams During Home Improvement Season

Now that it's warm outside – prime time for home repair work – it's important for consumers and contractors to understand and follow Westchester County's contractor licensing laws.

Here are some helpful tips to follow when seeking out a Contractor for home repairs this Summer:

- ◇ Before hiring a contractor, review the Westchester Consumer Protection Department's webpage, which offers helpful advice to consumers about hiring a contractor to do work at your home.
- ◇ Get written estimates and references from at least 3 contractors.
- ◇ Be sure that all work to be done is spelled out in a detailed, written contract including the estimated start and completion dates and the total price, including the costs of labor and materials and any schedule of payments.
- ◇ Be wary of unsolicited phone calls and door-to-door sales. Often these are initiated by contractors who are unlicensed and without established business locations.
- ◇ Be wary of any "special prices" that are too good to be true or any contractor who just "happens" to be in your neighborhood.

Additional information is available at [www.consumer.westchestergov.com](http://www.consumer.westchestergov.com) or contact Department of Consumer Protection at 914-995-2155 or [ConPro@westchestergov.com](mailto:ConPro@westchestergov.com) for assistance.

### Municipal Office Summer Hours (Starting June 1st)

Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM

Friday from 8:30 AM until 2:00 PM

**The Office Will be Closed on June 19th in Observance of Juneteenth**



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## June Recreation Update

**Swimming Season at Silver Lake** will begin on June 25th, weather and staffing permitting. Swimming at Silver Lake is available to Village Residents and School District Residents. A current Recreation Photo ID is required! Hours are Monday through Friday, 11 AM to 7 PM. Seasonal swim permits are available to purchase for both Village and School District Residents.

**Recreation Photo ID Cards:** All persons four years and older require a Recreation Park Pass for entrance into Senasqua Park, Mayo's Landing, Black Rock Park & Dog Park, and Silver Lake, or for certain activities such as Pavilion / Facility Rentals and Golf at Hudson National.

### Recreation Photo ID Card Fee

Village residents \$9.00 / Village Seniors 62+ FREE

School District Residents \$15 / School District Seniors \$10.00

*Photo ID cards are valid for 3 years*

Two proofs of residency required: driver's license plus a tax bill, bank statement, or utility bill. Recreation Photo ID cards are issued on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM in the Recreation Office. Photo ID Card registration & credit card Payment is also available online at [crotononhudson-ny.gov/recreation-parks](http://crotononhudson-ny.gov/recreation-parks).